

girlfriend of Johnson's to testify that he had transported her across State lines. Her testimony resulted in Johnson's conviction in 1913, when he was sentenced to 1 year and a day in Federal prison. During Johnson's appeal, one prosecutor admitted:

Mr. Johnson was perhaps persecuted as an individual, but that it was his misfortune to be the foremost example of the evil in permitting the intermarriage of whites and blacks.

After the trial, Johnson fled the country to Canada and then traveled to various European and South American countries before losing his heavyweight champion title in Cuba in 1915. Ultimately overcome by homesickness, Jack Johnson returned to the United States in 1920, surrendering to Federal authorities, and served nearly 1 year in Federal prison. Despite this obvious and clear injustice, Johnson refused to turn his back on the country that betrayed him. Mr. Johnson died in an automobile accident in 1946 at the age of 68 years.

Today, as we look back on our Nation's history, the Jack Johnson case is a shameful stain apparent to all. Rectifying this injustice is long overdue. The resolution we submit today calls on the President to pardon Mr. Johnson posthumously. It recognizes the unjustness of what transpired and sheds light on the achievements of an athlete who was forced into the shadows of bigotry and prejudice. Jack Johnson may have been a flawed individual, and he was certainly controversial during his day, but he was also a historic American figure whose life and accomplishments played an instrumental role in our Nation's development and progress toward true equality under the law.

There is no doubt Jack Johnson deserved much better than a racially motivated conviction which denied him his liberty and served to diminish his athletic, cultural, and historic significance. As a body we should adopt this resolution and continue to fight for a posthumous pardon for Jack Johnson to afford future generations the opportunity to grasp fully what Jack Johnson accomplished—against great odds—and appreciate his contributions to society unencumbered by the taint of an unjust, racially motivated criminal conviction.

Sadly, there is no way for us to possibly right the wrong that was done to Jack Johnson during his lifetime, but what we can do is take this small step toward acknowledging his mistreatment and remove the cloud that casts a shadow on his legacy. After all, that cloud over Jack Johnson's legacy says more about our past wrongs than it could honestly ever say about Johnson's own. As such, I urge my colleagues to support and swiftly adopt the resolution which requests the President of the United States grant Jack Johnson a posthumous pardon.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, as amended by Public Law 110-315, appoints the following individual to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Roberta Johnson of Iowa vice Norm Bedford of Nevada.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume executive session to consider the nomination of Caitlin Halligan to be a U.S. circuit judge for the DC Circuit, with the time until 10:30 a.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form; further, that at 10:30 a.m. the cloture vote on the Halligan nomination occur.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be a cloture vote, then, Mr. President, on the Halligan nomination at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the

Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:15 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 5, 2013:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL ARNOLD W. BUNCH, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL THERESA C. CARTER
BRIGADIER GENERAL SANDRA E. PINAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY L. HARRIGAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL TIMOTHY J. LEAHY
BRIGADIER GENERAL GREGORY J. LENGUEL
BRIGADIER GENERAL LEE K. LEVY II
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES F. MARTIN, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL JERRY P. MARTINEZ
BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL H. MCGILLICUDDY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT D. MCMURRY, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWARD M. MINAHAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK C. NOWLAND
BRIGADIER GENERAL TERENCE J. O'SHAUGHNESSY
BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL T. PLEHN
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARGARET B. POORE
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES N. POST III
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN M. SHEPRO
BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID D. THOMPSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL SCOTT A. VANDER HAMM
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARSHALL B. WEBB
BRIGADIER GENERAL BURKE E. WILSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL SCOTT J. ZOBRIST

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL NINA M. ARMAGNO
COLONEL SAM C. BARRETT
COLONEL STEVEN L. BASHAM
COLONEL RONALD D. BUCKLEY
COLONEL CARL A. BUHLER
COLONEL JOHN A. CHERREY
COLONEL JAMES C. DAWKINS, JR.
COLONEL PATRICK J. DOHERTY
COLONEL DAWN M. DUNLOP
COLONEL THOMAS L. GIBSON
COLONEL JAMES B. HECKER
COLONEL PATRICK C. HIGBY
COLONEL MARK K. JOHNSON
COLONEL BRIAN M. KILLOUGH
COLONEL ROBERT D. LABRUTTA
COLONEL RUSSELL L. MACK
COLONEL PATRICK X. MORDENTE
COLONEL SHAUN Q. MORRIS
COLONEL PAUL D. NELSON
COLONEL JOHN M. PLETCHER
COLONEL DUKE Z. RICHARDSON
COLONEL BRIAN S. ROBINSON
COLONEL BARRE R. SEGUIN
COLONEL JOHN S. SHAPLAND
COLONEL ROBERT J. SKINNER
COLONEL JAMES C. SLIFE
COLONEL DIRK D. SMITH
COLONEL JEFFREY B. TALIAFERRO
COLONEL JON T. THOMAS
COLONEL GLEN D. VANHERCK
COLONEL STEPHEN N. WHITING
COLONEL JOHN M. WOOD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ROBIN RAND

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JOHN M. BEDNAREK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

GENERAL LLOYD J. AUSTIN III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT L. CASLEN, JR.